



**COUNCILMEMBER DONNA FRYE**  
**COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT CARL DeMAIO**

*CITY OF SAN DIEGO*

**Press Release**

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**Frye and DeMaio Applaud Council  
Action on Open Government Reforms**

*First in a Series of Reforms to Change How City  
Government Works*

SAN DIEGO –City Councilmembers Donna Frye and Carl DeMaio applauded reforms enacted today that will improve the openness and effectiveness of the City Council. The Council will now hold no less than six evening meetings per year to enhance public participation, selection of the Council President will be made in December after any newly elected members take office, and the Pledge of Allegiance will also become a formal part of the Tuesday meeting schedule.

“Today the City Council took an important first step to change how City Hall works to make it more open and effective,” commented DeMaio. “After months of work, we enacted reforms that will enhance public participation in city government, and I look forward to working with my colleagues on additional reforms to the City’s budget and oversight processes.”

Councilmember Donna Frye added, “It is crucial that we continue to push for ways to increase the public’s access to the City Council. The changes passed today are a great start and I’m looking forward to the next round of reforms in our open government efforts.”

The reforms enacted today are part of a larger package of 15 reforms Councilmembers DeMaio and Frye teamed up to suggest to improve the openness, effectiveness and independence of the City Council.

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